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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

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3,452,667	Coleman et al.	Jul 01, 1969
3,840,067	Bos	Oct 08, 1974
4,232,729	Ingram et al.	Nov 11, 1980
4,287,962	Ingard et al.	Sep 08, 1981
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5,426,268	Yazici et al.	Jun 20, 1995
5,587,563	Yazici et al.	Dec 24, 1996
5,663,535	MacDonald et al.	Sep 02, 1997
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Energy Efficiency Manual by D.R. Wulfinghoff, C.2.4.4 "In Gravity-Flow Cooling Towers, Ensure Proper Water Distribution, 1999 pgs. 307-309.

Copies of the above-listed foreign and non-patent references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

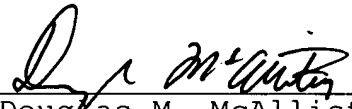
English language abstracts are attached to the three foreign references.

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